

Cease Fire Council Meeting Minutes

Maryland State Police Headquarters
1201 Reisterstown Road, Pikesville, Maryland 21208
Monday, April 2, 2019, 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Members in Attendance:

Colonel William M. Pallozzi, Chairman, Secretary of State Police
Secretary Sam Abed, Department of Juvenile Services
Sheriff R. Jay Fisher, Baltimore County Police Department
Stevell Kroll, Maryland State's Attorney Association
Derrick Lewis, General Public
State Attorney Al Peiseinger, Maryland State's Attorney Association
Chief Michael A. Spaulding, Sykesville Police Department
Chief Mark Sroka, City of Gaithersburg
Bishop Larry L. Thomas, General Public
Acting Secretary Mike Zeigler, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services

Other Guests in Attendance:

Lieutenant Colonel David L. Ruel, Bureau Chief, Maryland State Police
Carl Kotowski, Deputy Director of Criminal Justice Programs, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Justice Schisler, Chief of Programs, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
Angela Carpintieri, Program Manager, Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

Welcome by Colonel Pallozzi

Colonel Pallozzi called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the Cease Fire Council (Council) meeting and thanked the Council members for their support.

Introduction of Cease Fire Council Members

A roundtable of Council member introductions to the attendees took place. Guests attendees also introduced themselves.

Grant Recommendations

Colonel Pallozzi presented funding recommendations to the Council as it relates to the *FY 2020 Gun Violence Reduction Grant (GVRG)*. The primary purpose of this grant is to help local law

enforcement agencies and/or prosecutors develop and implement strategies specifically intended to reduce gun related crime in the State of Maryland.

Discussion

Council members received an excel spreadsheet which captured information pertaining to each application, to include the requesting jurisdiction, the total amount of requested funds, the jurisdictions' violent crime rate, and the funding recommendations for each. Using this excel spreadsheet, Ms. Schisler reviewed each application with the Council to provide insight on each as it relates to the competitive grant review process.

This process consists of a three-tiered review in which applications are reviewed at various levels, and by various decision makers, to ensure funding is awarded to those areas in need and to those that meet the requirements of this grant program. GVRG, in particular, recommends that applications demonstrate a connection to the *Maryland Criminal Intelligence Network (MCIN)* program which focuses on identifying, disrupting, and dismantling gangs and violent criminal networks involved in the distribution of illegal drugs, the use of firearms in crimes of violence, firearms trafficking, human trafficking, or other inherently violent criminal enterprises, through enforcement, prevention, intervention, and reentry strategies. Based on this review and discussion, the Council identified those applications that met the requirements of this program.

As a result, Colonel Pallozzi suggested the recommendation to approve the GVRG funding recommendations. A motion was made to approve the recommended funding, seconded by Secretary Abed, and unanimously approved by the Council. Of the applications that requested grant funding, in the combined amount of \$1,601,870, a total of 26 awards were approved, totaling \$926,940 (*listed below*). The award period runs from July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2020.

1. Baltimore Police Department: \$89,000
2. Office of the State's Attorney for Baltimore City: \$102,115
3. Baltimore County Police Department: \$75,000
4. Baltimore County State's Attorney's Office: \$100,000
5. City of Seat Pleasant: \$16,285
6. Prince George's County Police Department: \$50,000
7. Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office: \$39,879
8. Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office: \$99,998
9. Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office: \$42,573
10. Montgomery County Police Department: \$50,000
11. Howard County Police Department: \$25,000
12. Frederick City Police Department: \$20,000
13. Hagerstown Police Department: \$40,000
14. Wicomico County Sheriff's Office: \$15,000

15. Salisbury Police Department: \$25,000
16. Allegany County Board of Commissions: \$25,000
17. Cambridge Police Department: \$7,500
18. Pocomoke City Police Department: \$10,000
19. Princess Anne Police Department: \$10,000
20. Maryland State Police: \$84,590

Closing Remarks

Colonel Pallozzi thanked everyone for their support and contribution. The meeting adjourned at 2::30 p.m.